



To Our Partners in Injury Prevention

Injury is the leading cause of death and disability for Washington children. In fact, injury causes more deaths to children each year than everything else combined. The Washington State Childhood Injury Report addresses this serious health issue.

The good news is that the vast majority of childhood injuries are preventable. We can reduce the number of injuries and deaths by educating adults and children about the best way to prevent injuries, promoting prevention strategies, providing safety devices to families in need, and by supporting laws that empower families and communities to protect children.

The Washington State Department of Health works closely with our partners on this important work. I hope you will find this report a helpful tool and will use it as part of your efforts to prevent injuries.

Thank you for being a partner with the Department of Health as we strive to make Washington State safer and healthier.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary C. Selecky".

Mary C. Selecky
Washington Secretary of Health

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